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SUBJECT: INAUGURATION OF INDIA/MALDIVES AIR SERVICE

1. INDIAN AIRLINES INAUGURATED NEW INTERNATIONAL SERVICE FROM TRIVANDRUM, KERALA TO MALE, CAPITAL OF THE MALDIVES ON FEBRUARY 2. SERVICE WILL CONSIST OF TWO FLIGHTS PER WEEK FROM TRIVANDRUM TO MALE AND RETURN ON MONDAY AND FRIDAY USING AVRO AIRCRAFT.

2. COMMENT: TRIVANDRUM/MALE AIR SERVICE HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS BUT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN REJECTED BY INDIAN AIRLINES AS NOT FEASIBLE ECONOMICALLY. INAUGURATION OF THIS AIR CONNECTION NOW MAY REFLECT SOMEWHAT INCREASED INDIAN POLITICAL INTEREST IN MALDIVES AS WELL AS DESIRE TO TAP SOME OF NOW-ESTABLISHED TOURIST TRAFFIC TO MALDIVES, PARTICULARLY IN WINTER MONTHS.
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